(b) what are the potentialities in this method and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An experimental Magneto-hydrodynamic (MHD) plant of 5 MW (thermal) input capacity has been set up at Tiruchirapalli under a programme sponsored by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. MHD power was generated recently under trial conditions. Further experiments are in progress at this plant in order to generate scientific, technical and operational data. The potentialities are that higher overall conversion efficiencies compared to conventional plants may be achieved in plants combining MHD and conventional processes.

Royalty on coal

2743. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the 17th meeting of the Eastern Zonal Council held at Patna on 24th September, 1985, the representatives of the State Government of West Bengal demanded for the fixation of royalty rates for coal at 15 per cent *ad valorem;* and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government on their demand?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The rate of royalty on coal was last revised with effect from 13-2-1981. To consider the question of further revision of royalty rate on coal, a Study Group was constituted in November, 1984. The study Group has submitted its report but no decision has yet been taken by the Government of India.

High Court judgement in Sanskrit

2744. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *ALIAS* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh have recently received consent from the Central Government to pronounce the judgement of its High Court in a language other than English and Hindi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether one of the High Court Judges in Lucknow pronounced his judgement recently in Sanskrit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The position is being ascertained from the Registry of the High Court of Allahabad.

Public sector industries in Arunachal Pradesh

2745. SHRIMATI OMEM MOYONG DEORI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many public sector enterprises have been located so far in areas declared to be backward districts in the country particularly in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) what is the percentage of persons belonging to S. C. and S. T. employed in each of the major categories of posts; and

(c) what steps are being taken to identify and train candidates from such weaker sections alongwith the planning of the project so that real benefit can be derived in the backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The details are being collected and a statement will be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) The percentage of the persons belonging to SC and ST employed in each of the major categories of posts in the Public Enterprises is available in Section 2 of Chapter 23, Page 329 of the Public Enterprises Survey 1983-84 Volume I, placed on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 15th March, 1986.

(c) Instruction of Government already exist for special pre-entry training of ST/